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1. claims: 1-16, 43-46

Instruct a rendering driver/module to enable one or more content protection technologies to protect media content sent over a physical connector to a device.

2. claims: 17-35

Authentication and integrity protection of command messages exchanged between a media playback application and a rendering driver/module.

3. claims: 36-42

Managing content protection types or levels in a device driver using a global reference count for each type and each level.

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